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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk / Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to
S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Duke
Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC
Docket No. 2019-224-E (Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)
Docket No. 2019-225-E (Duke Energy Progress, LLC)

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I write this letter on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy
Progress, LLC ("DEP") regarding the IRP Training session scheduled for Tuesday, April
20. DEC and DEP understand and support the Commission's desire for education and
training on the increasingly complex issues that it must deal with. I am writing in an
abundance of caution for the sole reason that the hearing on the DEC and DEP 2020
Integrated Resource Plans is set to start next week. We do not think that the training
session necessarily violates the communications restrictions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-
260 but we do think that it is possible that communications regarding matters that are
in issue in the upcoming hearing could come up during the training session and those
issues would have to be avoided in order to comply with South Carolina law. The
Commission is likely already cognizant of this potential issue, but we wanted to ensure
for the benefit of the parties, process and Commission that we respectfully raised this
concern in advance of the session in an abundance of caution.

Yours truly,

Frank R. Ellerbe, III

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